

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the drawings in view of the examiner's objection. A replacement set of drawings is attached, as is a copy of the drawings with red markings showing the changes made. Notably, the drawings have been amended to include generic structure representing the valve. As mentioned in the disclosure, the valve is as known, and forms no portion of the invention. Thus, no new matter has been added.

The claims 5, 6 and 7 are represented in independent form. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability.

Claim 1 stands rejected over the Perrin patent. Perrin cannot meet the claim as amended, at least for the reason that the handles in Perrin appear to rotate about a common axis, and not about a pair of spaced, parallel axes. Further, it appears that the water flow in Perrin does not pass through the handles as required by the claims.

Applicant does not have any translation of the French references cited in the Search Report. Notably, the French 2565658 reference does not have handles that rotate about parallel axes, which are spaced, nor does it prevent mixing until a location downstream of the handle.

The French 57042 reference does not appear to have handles that are vertically below a location of a spout.

Fees for one additional independent claim (\$200.00) may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted all claims are allowable. An indication of such is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,




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I hereby certify that the enclosed response is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 21 day of September, 2005.



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